

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks in addition to the above claim amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, ¶1

Claims 5 and 30 stand rejected under § 112, ¶ 2, “as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.” Claim 30 is an independent claim. Claims 5 depends from claim 30, and claim 15 depends from claim 5.

Since the outstanding Office action has been made final, the Applicant has canceled claims 5, 15, and 30 in favor of a possible continuing application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 5 and 30 stand rejected under § 102(b) “as being anticipated by Helzer” (US patent no. 4,364,537. Claim 30 is an independent claim. Claims 5 depends from claim 30, and claim 15 depends from claim 5.

Since the outstanding Office action has been made final, the Applicant has canceled claims 5, 15, and 30 in favor of a possible continuing application.

Rejoinder of Withdrawn Claims

Claims 12-14, 16, and 24 are currently in a withdrawn status. Claim 12 and 16 depend directly from allowable independent claim 29. Claim 13, 14, and 24 depend directly or indirectly from allowable independent claim 32. Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests the rejoinder and allowance of claim 12-14, 16, and 24.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that each of the pending claims remaining in this application following this amendment, namely claims 8-14, 16-22, 24, 29, and 32, is now in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests allowance of these seventeen claims. The Applicant does not believe that any fees are currently due for this filing. If the Examiner has any further questions, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of April 2008.

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